

11. APPLICATION TO THE HAGLEY/FERRYMEAD COMMUNITY BOARD 2010/11 YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SCHEME – CULTURAL IMMERSION PROGRAMME

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| General Manager responsible: | General Manager Community Services Group, DDI 941 8607 |
| Officer responsible: | Community Support Unit Manager |
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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to seek approval for four applicants for funding from the Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board 2010/11 Youth Development Scheme.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. The applicants, Laura Jean Prickett (18 years old), Rachel Louise Smith (15 years old), Charlotte Emily Grimshaw (20 years old) and Eleanor Isabel Grimshaw (20 years old), all residing in Sumner, are seeking support to go on a cultural immersion programme in Vanuatu from 4 to 19 December 2010.
3. Laura, Rachel, Charlotte and Eleanor are all members of the Sumner Anglican Core Youth Group.
4. In total, eight young people and two leaders will participate in this programme. The purpose of the trip will be to work with four urban and four rural public schools and local communities. The schools have, through churches in Vanuatu identified recreational and development aspects they would like the young people to participate in. Activities include outdoor sport and adventure, art and drama. The leaders will assist children and other young people with reading and other activities as requested. In the local community setting, the group will also work alongside the community on any projects that they have identified including village clean ups. They will also have small group activities that will explore New Zealand culture and the culture of the local schools and communities which they will be visiting.
5. This cultural immersion programme will develop the leadership skills of the young people as they work with young people and communities from a different culture and background. Their cross-cultural communication skills will be enhanced through this experience. The experience on this trip will be useful for the young people as they currently study with and volunteer to work alongside other young people from different backgrounds. The young people will also learn about poverty issues, family life and community in Vanuatu as they live and work alongside the urban and rural communities.
6. Laura has been helping out with the church children's group for two years. She has a passion for playing the piano and has over the past two years been tutoring children aged between five and 12 years. Laura is a member of the Christchurch Youth Orchestra and plays the piano and cello (grade 7). She is currently studying Art and Design at CPIT. Laura hopes to work with organisations that help third world communities and use her music and art to benefit disadvantaged children in both New Zealand and overseas.
7. Rachel has been involved in drama in school, church and other organisations since she was six years old. When she goes to university, Rachel is interested in studying communication.
8. Charlotte has been in leadership positions during her time in secondary school and university. She has been a peer support leader, head of the year 10 student council and secretary of the Zonta International club. She has helped run Sunday school for primary school aged children, has received an English scholarship and a Zonta International Scholarship and has been a mentor of teenage girls over the past three years. Charlotte is currently studying for a double degree in science and law.
9. Eleanor has been head of the year 11 student council and secretary of Zonta International Club. She has been a group leader at Easter camp for three years and during that time has been a mentor for high school aged girls. Eleanor is currently studying for a commerce degree. She is passionate about art and enjoys singing.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

10. Laura, Rachel, Charlotte and Eleanor are requesting \$1,000 each from the Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board's Youth Development Scheme. So far they have collectively raised \$2,650 towards the trip. The cost to attend the programme is \$1,958 for each of the applicants.

| EXPENSES PER PERSON | \$ |
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| Airfares | 1,213 |
| Travel insurance | 75 |
| Vaccination | 165 |
| Accommodation | 505 |
| Total | 1,958 |

11. This is the first time that the applicants have applied to the Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board for financial support.

Do the Recommendations of this Report Align with 2009-19 LTCCP budgets?

12. Yes. This application is seeking funding from the Community Board 2010/11 Youth Development Scheme which was established as part of the Board 2010/11 Discretionary Funding. There is a balance of \$5,970 in the Community Board's 2010/11 Youth Development Scheme.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

Have you considered the legal implications of the issue under consideration?

13. There are no legal implications in regards to this application.

ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

14. Aligns with Council Activities and Services, Community Support, Community Grants and Grants, pages 176 and 184, in the 2009-19 LTCCP.

Do the recommendations of this report support a level of service or project in the 2009-19 LTCCP?

15. Yes. As above.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

16. Application aligns with the Council's Youth Strategy, Physical Recreation and Sports Strategy and local Community Board objectives.

Do the recommendations align with the Council's strategies?

17. Yes. As above.

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

18. Not applicable.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board approve the application and allocate \$275 funding each from the Board 2010/11 Youth Development Scheme for Laura Jean Prickett, Rachel Louise Smith, Charlotte Emily Grimshaw, and Eleanor Isabel Grimshaw to participate in the cultural immersion programme in Vanuatu in December 2010.

CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION

That the staff recommendation be adopted.